

Application S/N: 10/697,267
Docket No. 088408/01DIV
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REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116, since no new claims or new issues are presented and the only claim amendments address wording considered by the Examiner as being indefinite.

It is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

Claims 2, 3, 10-12, 18, and 19, all of the claims currently pending in the Application, stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Although Applicant does not agree that the original wording is indefinite, Applicant believes that the above claim amendments appropriately address the Examiner's concerns for antecedent bases by incorporating the Examiner Long's helpful suggestions. It is understood that these claims will be allowable by clearing up these issues.

FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

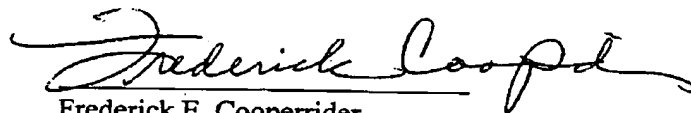
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 2, 3, 10-12, 18, and 19, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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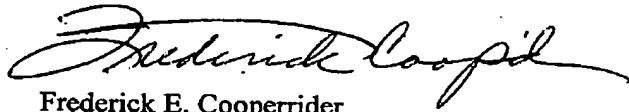
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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION

I certify that I transmitted via facsimile to (703) 872-9306 this Amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 to Examiner L. Nguyen on May 13, 2005.



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